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**DELAWARE BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS**

**MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2005**

Approved May 6, 2005

The Delaware Board of Geologists held a meeting on Friday, March 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**PRESENT:**

William S. Schenck, Professional Member, President, Presiding  
Steven M. Smailer, Professional Member, Vice President  
Jerome Cooper, Public Member  
Dana Long, Public Member  
Theodore Ressler, Public Member  
Eric Trinkle, Professional Member  
Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General  
Caitlin Mears, Administrative Specialist II

**ABSENT:**

Stephen Williams, Professional Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Mr. Trinkle made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smailer and unanimously carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Requirements to Sit for ASBOG Exam

The Board reviewed a draft to amend the requirements to sit for the ASBOG examination as stated in the rules and regulations of this Board. The proposed changes to Rule 7.0 clarify that the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam may be taken at any time after the applicant meets the educational requirements set forth in the statute. The proposed rule also clarifies that

the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam and the ASBOG Practice of Geology (PG) exam may be taken at separate times allowing the Fundamentals exam to be taken immediately after graduation if an applicant so desires.

After review, the Board agreed to amend Rule 7.3 of the draft by adding the words “either part of”. Rule 7.3, as amended, will state that “An applicant’s approval to sit for either part of the ASBOG exam shall be valid for a period not to exceed two years.”

Mr. Ressler made a motion to move forward with the proposed changes to Rule 7.0 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried. The proposed rules and regulations will be published in the Register of Regulations on April 1, 2005. A public hearing will be held on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 10:15 a.m. in the second floor conference room B of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

#### Review of Substantially-Similar States

The Board of Geologists has reviewed the licensing requirements of the eight states thought to have requirements substantially similar to those of Delaware. The Board has also reviewed the requirements for licensure by reciprocity as set forth in 24 **Del.C.** Ch. 36, §3609. Mr. Ressler made a motion to table this discussion until a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and carried unanimously.

#### Evaluation of Credentials for Education Received Outside of the U.S.

The current statute addresses the evaluation of credentials for education received outside of the United States for applicants seeking licensure through reciprocity only. The Board discussed proposing an amendment to the statute which would clearly address this issue for all licensure applicants. Ms. Reardon advised that a legislative change is needed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review of Application to Sit for ASBOG Examination

Joseph P. Csoltko’s application for licensure by examination was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Trinkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to allow Mr. Csoltko to sit for both portions of the ASBOG exam and to approve his application for licensure contingent upon successful completion of both portions of the exam. The motion was carried by Mr. Cooper, Mr. Long, Mr. Ressler, Mr. Schenck, and Mr. Trinkle. Mr. Smailer was recused.

#### Continuing Education Audit

After review of John F. Bolakas’ continuing education log, Mr. Smailer made a motion to approve twenty-four (24) continuing education credits for the 2002-2004 renewal period, eight (8) continuing education credits for the 2004-2006 renewal period, and to grant renewal of Mr. Bolakas’ professional geologist license contingent upon receipt of a letter certifying that Mr.

Bolakas has not practiced geology in Delaware since his license expired. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ressler and unanimously carried.

#### Continuing Education Approval

An application for continuing education approval of 6.5 contact hours for “Public Health, Groundwater, and Water Wells”, sponsored by the American Groundwater Trust was submitted for the Board’s review. Mr. Trinkle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to approve the activity for 6.5 contact hours. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### Complaint to Assign

Complaint number 23-01-05 was assigned to Mr. Schenck.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only)**

There was no other business before the Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Trinkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin E. Mears  
Administrative Specialist II